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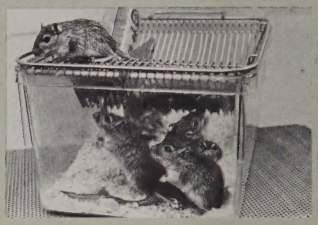

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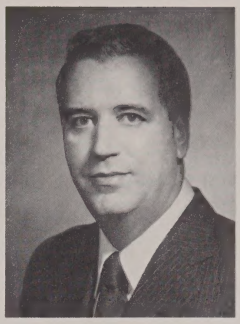
MDC Mounted Police Officer Alan Keith is led away from his partner, Tivoli, by Metropolitan Police Sgt. Ted Wedge, after the horse was struck by a car near the Blue Hills Reservation. Tivoli, who had been Officer Keith's partner for the past three years, suffered such extensive injuries that he had to be put to sleep.
Photo by Jim Mahoney, courtesy of the Boston Herald.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Scope and Depth of the League's Involvement in the Animal Welfare Field



Arthur G. Slade
President

It is easy for those of us directly involved in the variety of the League's activities to assume that all of our friends and members are aware of the scope and depth of our animal welfare work. Such an assumption is perhaps not an accurate one, and thus it may be worth a few moments to draw your attention to just a few of them.

A new and exciting example of such involvement is the role our specially trained law enforcement staff have just undertaken as part of the inspecting force for the inspection program to enforce the Commonwealth's new law and regulations governing the use of animals in Massachusetts research facilities. This new law and its associated regulations require the licensing and regular inspection of medical research and educational institutions using live dogs and cats in research projects. We are happy to be part of a vital program which monitors the care of such animals and ensures that pet animals will not end up in medical research facilities. This new effort is the result of the repeal of the Massachusetts Pound Seizure Law in 1983 and further details may be found on page 4 of this magazine.

Another dimension of the League's interest and commitment is on the international level. We have supported the work of the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA), (formerly the International Society for the Protection of Animals) since its formation. WSPA has shown steady growth and expansion of its worldwide concerns for the welfare of animals. I hope you will take the time to read the fascinating article about their current activities on page 6.

On the national scene, we have had a long history of involvement with the Amerian Humane Association which is the oldest national federation of humane organizations throughout the United States devoted to the protection of both children and animals. The League's President, Arthur Slade, currently serves as President of the American Humane Association.

A non-profit agency with headquarters in Denver, Colorado, American Humane provides ongoing consultative services in shelter management, animal population control, euthanasia, emergency animal relief and other vital areas through field counseling, training workshops, program evaluation, and a broad spectrum of technical publications.

The Animal Protection Division staff includes experienced professionals in animal care and control, legislative advocacy, publications production, cruelty investigations, shelter management and the entertainment industry.

In addition it has a national faculty who are recognized, practicing professionals in the fields of veterinary medicine, shelter management, fund development, public relations and management. The faculty are an integral part of the Division's professional training and consultation efforts. They represent expertise and commitment to the American Humane philosophy toward animals and quality animal care.

ANIMAL RESEARCH FACILITY INSPECTIONS

The repeal of the Massachusetts Pound Seizure law in 1983, which eliminated the possibility that lost pets could be used for medical research purposes, marked the culmination of years of effort on the part of animal welfare groups. The signing of the bill, however, was in a sense only a beginning. Months of hard work were still to be directed at setting up a program to enforce the state's pioneering regulations and to ensure that the spirit of the law would inspire a cooperative relationship among all of the parties involved; in the state government, medical research and the animal welfare communities.

With the beginning this past spring of a formal inspection program of all facilities in the Commonwealth that use dogs or cats for research or educational purposes, the protective arms of the humane movement have finally been extended to embrace a new population of animals numbering in the millions.

Under the current law, all research and teaching institutions which use dogs or cats for scientific study or instruction must apply for licensing by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The Animal Rescue League of Boston and the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals have been designated as agents of the Department of Public Health, charged with inspecting research facilities prior to licensing, and conducting regular ongoing inspections to determine that licensed institutions continue to comply with all regulations pertaining to animal welfare.

Of twenty-three institutions in the state, Animal Rescue League agents are currently responsible for inspection of fourteen: Beth Israel Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Human Nutrition Research Center, Mass. Mental Health Center, M.I.T., Mount Ida College, Northeastern University, Tufts-New England Medical Center, ICF Foundation Inc. (Lahey Clinic), Children's Hospital, Newbury Junior College, Eye Research Institute, Mass. Eye and Ear, and Boston University.

The new regulations call for strict identification and record keeping on all dogs or cats. "One of the first things we look for is information pertaining to the source of each animal, including date of purchase, description, and identification number, to be certain none of the dogs or cats are former pets," explains inspection agent Carol McCarthy. Any dog or cat with an unknown history that is given to a research institution must be reported to the Commissioner of Public Health within three working days, and the animal will be turned over either to the League or to the MSPCA.

Alan Borgal (right) and Edward Leonard, D.V.M., inspecting a research facility.

Other Animal Rescue League staff members who completed the Massachusetts Department of Public Health training program to become licensed DPH inspection agents include Alan Borgal, Richard W. Bryant, Edward Leonard, D.V.M., and Edward Powers.

Visits to research facilities are unannounced, and conducted at least four times a year. Once inside, the concern of the agents is not limited to dogs or cats. If dogs or cats are on the premises, state regulations regarding the physical facilities, health care and environment also apply to all other sentient animals that are being used by the facility.

In addition to information relating to the source of the animals (most research animals are supplied by dealers and breeding laboratories), agents inspect outdoor and indoor facilities to determine the adequacy of heating, ventilation, drainage, shelter and cage enclosures, which must be large enough for an animal to turn about freely and easily stand, sit, lie and stretch in a normal position.

Dogs are required to be exercised regularly, at least once a day, and veterinary care must be administered to all animals under the supervision of a doctor of veterinary medicine. All dogs and cats must be checked daily by the animal caretaker in charge, and any sick or diseased, or injured animals must be provided with veterinary care.

Although determining the validity of any research project is the responsibility of the institution's animal care committee under the supervision of the National Institute of Health, League agents are empowered to ensure that no unnecessary pain is suffered as the result of a procedure. Massachusetts law requires that anesthetic, analgesic or tranquilizing drugs be administered if a procedure is likely to cause pain, unless drug administration is inconsistent with the purpose of the research project.

"This is one example of how our state laws are stronger than those of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Under federal law, pain-killers are only to be provided 'as needed'," Dr. Edward Leonard points out. State regulations exceed the federal in a number of instances. The temperature at which air conditioning is mandated, for example, is 80 degrees under state law rather than 85 degrees as set by federal law. Inspections are also much more frequent under the state program.

To date, nine of the League-inspected institutions have received licenses and two others are pending. If agents detect problems on an inspection visit, they explain the difficulties to the facility supervisor on the spot, and go back for a follow-up visit two or three weeks later to make sure the problem has been corrected.

"The independent inspection required by the Commonwealth's program provides researchers with a reminder of the spirit of the law—it raises their awareness that people are concerned, that these animals are not forgotten," notes Dr. Leonard in summarizing the law's benefits. "It also enables us to assure the public with great certainty that no Massachusetts pets are being used for research purposes."

Shelter Pets in Central America

With assistance from the Animal Rescue League of Boston in the form of a sizeable grant, The World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) has completed construction of, and has begun operating, Central America's first and only public animal shelter in Costa Rica.

WSPA, a non-profit charity, is dedicated to improving conditions for animals in parts of the world where no effective animal protection resources exist. Comprised of thousands of individual members and over 300 member societies in more than 60 countries, WSPA has been a force in international animal protection for over three decades. A founding member of WSPA (formerly International Society for the Protection of Animals), the League has been involved in its activities since WSPA's inception and Arthur Slade, the League's President, continues to serve on the Society's Board of Directors. Headquarters are in London; the Western Hemisphere Regional Office is located in Boston. The Boston office directs and supports offices in Canada, Costa Rica, and Colombia, with much of the focus on Latin America.

The need for WSPA's assistance is especially critical in Central and South America. When WSPA established its Costa Rican field office, there was not a single animal shelter or municipal pound in the entire country to care for unwanted and injured animals. Thanks to the generosity of a devoted member, WSPA was able to open a small office on land bequeathed to the Society outside the capital city of San Jose, and undertake building the shelter. With room to house up to 60 dogs and 50 cats, the center was filled to capacity almost as soon as the cement dried!

In addition to providing treatment and care for unwanted and injured animals, the shelter receives visits from people traveling from many parts of Costa Rica to adopt new pets and, occasionally, to surrender animals. WSPA Field Representative Gerado Huertas is assisted by two staff members and a full-time veterinarian, who is on call in case of emergency. Huertas and his wife also live on the premises and are available to respond to any emergency round the clock.

Alvaro Posada-Salazar, WSPA's Colombian field representative, Gerado Huertas, Costa Rica's field representative, and John Walsh, regional director of WSPA.

The demand for WSPA's services has been so great, plans are being made to expand the Costa Rican shelter. One urgently needed addition is a specially-heated room to accommodate puppies and kittens, as young animals require a buffer against San Jose's chilly night air. In addition, a special fund has been established to build an infirmary where minor surgery and spay/neuter operations can be performed. However, WSPA's most immediate need is for an animal ambulance and rescue vehicle. Huertas does not have a vehicle suitable for transporting abandoned or injured livestock, so he tries to make do with a converted banana truck and an old Land Rover; however, both machines are inadequate for the job. WSPA desperately needs funds to purchase a well-equipped, reliable truck and a large animal ambulance to aid downed horses, burros and livestock.

Operating the animal shelter in Costa Rica is only a fraction of WSPA's work in that, and other Latin American countries. Initiating humane education projects, rabies control programs, legislative action, humane transport and slaughter methods, investigations into contraband traffic of endangered and exotic animals, scientific studies, rescue programs—these and more are among WSPA's worldwide efforts.

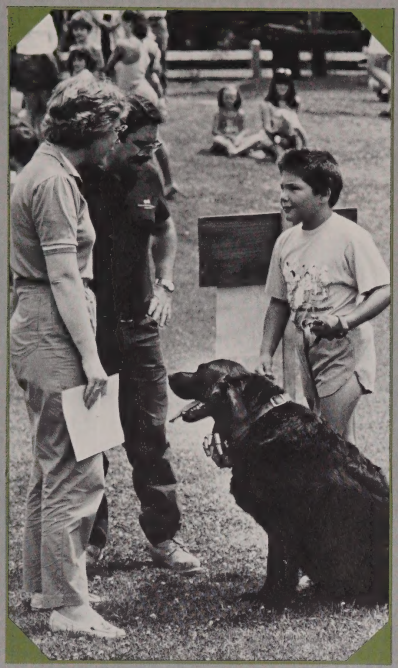
Alvaro Posada-Salazar and Martin Vargas send a pet home with a new owner.

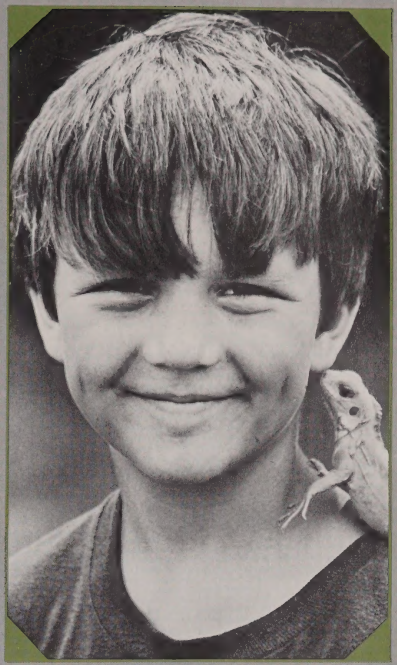
Through its animal protection programs and projects to increase people's awareness and appreciation of animal life, WSPA hopes to champion an ethic—one that begins with animals and extends to people.

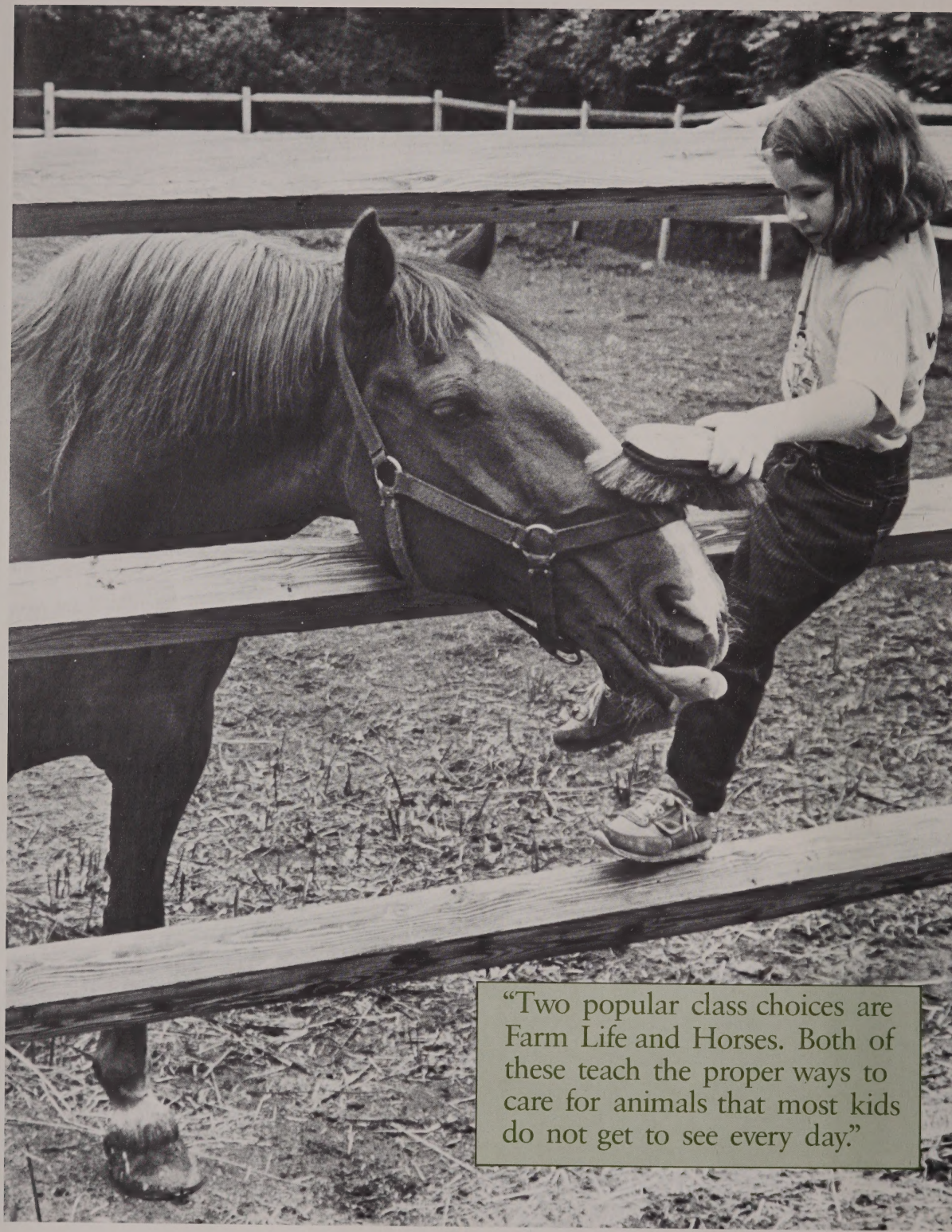
For more information about WSPA's international animal protection work and how you can help, please contact WSPA, P.O. Box 190, 129 Perkins Street, Boston, MA 02130—(617) 522-7000.

PET SHOW 1985

The League's 33rd Annual Pet Show brought an outstanding gathering of young people and pets to Nye Baseball Park in North Falmouth, Saturday, July 27, to vie for prizes in an event held each year to encourage and recognize proper care and appreciation of pets.



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Camp is for kids & other animals!

By Helen N. Lyon

The camp is deserted and quiet now, but it is easy to imagine the things that should be there. In front of the main building, Baxendale Hall, I can picture the children in a large group, watching a 'Show and Tell' presentation, then singing songs. Inside the Arts and Crafts Building, I can almost hear the busy chatter of children and counselors in the classrooms. Along the shore, I picture a line of children in bright, orange life jackets waiting on the dock to board the Ocean Ecology boat. Further down the shoreline, the sounds of busy children working with saws, hammers and sandpaper echo out of the woodshop and over the water. Across the road, at Ki-Wun-Ka farm, I can see a group of campers bottle-feeding the baby goats, as another class gives Pippin the pony a bath. A short distance away, the Photography class is snapping pictures of animals as they pose in their pens. Nearby, the Wildlife class starts across the road to walk down the nature trail. They pass a line of children with dogs on leashes ready for their Dog Obedience class. These are typical scenes of a day at the Animal Friends Summer School in Cataumet.

The words "Summer School" may sound a bit foreboding, so, many children refer to it simply as 'The Animal Friends Camp.' Both "camp" and "school" are appropriate terms however, since it is fun like a camp, yet there are classes and a lot to learn.

Two popular class choices are Farm Life and Horses. Both of these teach the proper ways to care for animals that most kids do not get to see every day. Farm Life 'helpers' include pigs, goats, sheep, chickens, a cow and her calf. As a treat for the campers on Fridays, the Farm class makes ice cream. Horse class teaches about grooming, feeding and other practices necessary to care for a horse, pony or donkey. Campers in this class also have the opportunity to ride our horses at the end of the week.

Wildlife is another outdoor course that teaches campers about the interactions between nature and people. Wild animals such as salamanders, toads, turtles, snakes and an occasional orphaned baby duck are sometimes kept in captivity so campers can get a close look at them, then are later released into their natural habitat.

A very active outdoor class is Group Adventures. Here, campers work together as a team to solve problems and have fun at the same time. Games such as the Trust Fall, Giant Spool and Rope Slide are exciting challenges for the campers.

Photography takes place indoors and outdoors. Campers first photograph animals, people and nature scenes. The rest of the week, they learn how to develop and print pictures in the darkroom. In the same building, kids in Drama class paint their faces, dress up in costumes, and create plays and skits which are sometimes performed for the rest of the camp.

In Woodworking, campers make projects such as birdhouses, feeders and shelves. Also in our woodshop, kids taking basketry learn to weave reeds making attractive baskets, fans and mats.

Two other crafts classes are Pottery and Candlemaking. The projects the campers create here are fun to make, as well as useful.

Our Pet Care class is for campers wanting to learn how to properly care for small pets. Gerbils, rabbits, guinea pigs, mice, fish, a parakeet, as well as a resident dog and cat are held, played with, groomed and cleaned to teach campers about pet responsibility.

In Ocean Ecology, children learn about the different life forms in marine habitats. They travel in the boat and explore the shore, finding fish and other animals to live in our salt water aquarium.

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Older campers have the opportunity to take a two-week course in dog obedience, provided they have a dog they would like to train.

The children spend only a half day at camp, so they can enjoy other Cape Cod activities with their families. The first session of camp lasts for three weeks, and the second session for four weeks. First through third graders attend camp in the morning for three hours, and children in the fourth through seventh grade attend for three hours in the afternoon. This is not much time to fit in songs, activity, class, milk break, sports and a special event. There is never a dull moment.

Singing songs together is a fun way to start the day. Many campers told me that they sing the songs at home with their families and friends. Just the other day, in a McDonald's far from camp, I heard a girl singing "The Littlest Worm," a camp favorite, before she ate her lunch. Activity is another time when the campers are all together to play games such as dodge ball, tag and relay races.

A refreshing milk break is followed by a sports period which includes volleyball, whiffleball, badminton, basketball, frisbee and library. Campers and counselors enjoy playing these games together.

Special events are programs and demonstrations from outside visitors or counselors. Visits from the Bourne Fire and Police Departments, singers, magicians, dog trainers, the Red Cross and the Army Corps of Engineers were among the many special events we had, teaching children about various occupations and activities. There is a different presentation each day.

I am very lucky to have seen the camp through two viewpoints; first as a camper, and then as a counselor. I started camp at the age of six with my sister and our two best friends. I can remember the excitement of my first day at camp. I remember singing camp songs, picking classes, and how I admired the counselors. I will never forget all the kids that I met there, and how they changed from year to year.

Campers honored with this year's Walter J. Dethloff Awards were Rachel Purdy and Amanda Mahoney (shown above), also Benjamin Burke and Peter Mark.

Dr. Carlton E. Buttrick presents Florence Buttrick award to counselor Helen Lyon, author of this article.

I have had a great time at the Animal Friends Summer School as a camper, and even more fun as a counselor. It is a job that never really seems like work, probably because it is never boring. Each week I taught a new group of kids. They were all different, and by the end of each session, I felt I knew them individually. It is rewarding to share the joy and excitement of their camp experience.

Rain is now starting to patter down on the empty camp. I will miss this special place when I leave, but all my memories of the people and experiences will stay with me forever.

NEWSFRONT
ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF BOSTON

Actor Keith Dobson Has New "Pet" Project

Keith Dobson, former "Kojak" detective and currently on television's "Knot's Landing" has been named National Honorary Chairperson of the Pets Are Wonderful (PAW) Council, a national non-profit organization aimed at communicating the joys of pet ownership. The group sponsors "Pets are Wonderful" month each April, as well as a Most Wonderful Pet contest. Here Dobson relaxes with his own pet "Crocker," named for the character he portrayed on "Kojak."

Pet Population Continues To Grow

There are now about 98 million dogs and cats in the United States, a number greater than the human population of all but seven nations, according to a recent report in the *New York Times*. Well over half of American homes have pets, and these animals are the base of an $8.5 billion-a-year pet supply industry.

Warning on Chocolate

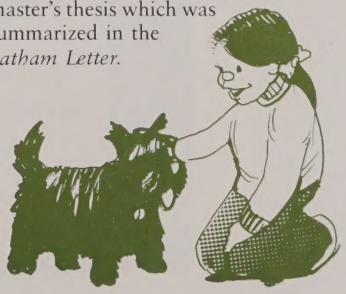
The summer issue of the Latham Foundation newsletter carried an item reprinted from the Louisiana Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and warning of several cases of dogs dying as a result of an overdose of chocolate. The report came from a study in the International Journal for the Study of Animal Problems which maintains that chocolate contains theobromine, a chemical which may cause convulsions, hyperactivity and even death when taken in large quantities. Pet owners should take special care to keep chocolate candies out of the reach of pets. One researcher estimated that as little as four ounces might be fatal to a small five-pound dog.

New Slide Show For Senior Groups

To help spread awareness of the Purina Pets for People Program at the League, a new slide show on pet ownership has been produced and is available for showing to groups or clubs. Under the Pets for People Program, people over 60 can adopt pets at no cost, and also have access to free spaying and neutering, initial veterinary visit and inoculations, all free of charge. Groups interested in having a presentation of this slide show by an Animal Rescue League representative should contact the League's education department at 426-9170.

Petting Is Good For Your Health

A significant decrease in blood pressure was noted when pet owners spent time calmly petting their dogs in a study by Judy Jenkins, M.A. of San Francisco State University. The physiological effects of petting a companion animal were the subject of her master's thesis which was summarized in the *Latham Letter.*



The American Humane Association On Location

"Silverado," a Columbia Picture, produced and directed by Lawrence Kasdan, starring Kevin Kline and Scott Glen was rated "Acceptable" by the American Humane Association.

"Silverado" brings back the great Hollywood westerns . . . the good guys fighting for what's right and the bad guys trying to prevent them from winning.

All the ingredients are in place—the farmer trying to settle on ranch land; the owner of the large cattle ranch trying to stop him at any cost, using every underhanded trick he can think up; the local sheriff, also the operator of the town's best saloon and gambling hall, uses any method, illegal or not, to satisfy his greed.

If you like nostalgia and old Hollywood westerns, you'll love "Silverado!"

The American Humane Association supervised the animal action on location in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The AHA field representative on the set reported the cooperation of the production staff and their desire to have a "clean film." There were no horse falls or dangerous action. The scene depicting dead pigs was accomplished by purchasing 'already dead' animals from a local slaughter house.

Take a Gander

First prize winner at this year's Barnstable County Fair, held July 25 on Cape Cod, was Mark Malone, shown here with his blue-ribboned Best in Show pet, "Meek."

New Product For Pets

For people who love cats but hate cleaning up after them, Midwest Green Products of Moorhead, Minnesota (56560) has announced a new product, a disposable kitty litter box that is 100% biodegradable, with natural kitty litter. Owners simply remove the cover of the "Litter Kneat" box and throw it away—no filling, no cleaning.

Pets in the Picture

Here's ***"Cricket"*** *at the age of two in a photo submitted by owner Louise Franklyn of Medford. The Pekingese is "12 years old now and my best pal," she writes.*

"Christopher" *was adopted from the League in 1977 by Joanne Penta of Boston, who writes: "He loves attention and would love to see his photo in* **Fourfooted Friends.** *He's a great dog and has given us much enjoyment in the last eight years."*

This picture of solid comfort was sent in by Mrs. Elsie Hunt of Hyannis, proud owner of ***"Tommy"*** *Hunt.*

For the Holidays

Share the warmth of the holidays and help your animal friends at the same time by selecting from a line of holiday greeting cards designed especially for members and friends of the Animal Rescue League of Boston. There are three designs to choose from, all printed in red, green and black, with traditional wishes inside. The cards come shrink-wrapped in groups of **ten** for $4.00 plus $.25 tax and $.75 postage and handling, a total of $5.00 for each set.

Card #1 sentiment: *Season's Greetings*

Card #3 sentiment: *Wishing you all things bright and beautiful in this holiday season. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

Card #2 sentiment:
Hope your Christmas is a howling success . . . a chorus of good wishes throughout the New Year

Yes, please send the following greeting cards:

_____ package(s) of card design 1 @ $5.00 each

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Enclosed is my check in the amount of $_____.

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Mail to: **Animal Rescue League of Boston, P.O. Box 265, Boston, Massachusetts 02117**

COME TO THE ANNUAL FAIR

Thursday, October 24, 1985, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

League Headquarters, corner of Arlington & Tremont Streets, Boston

This is a real old-fashioned Fair, with plenty of fun for everyone!

Things to buy:

- Gift tables overflowing with great ideas for all occasions (even presents for your pets!).
- Homemade cakes, pies, preserves and other mouth-watering goodies!
- An exciting selection of familiar and exotic cheeses!

Things to do:

- Guided tours of the League's animal shelter and veterinary clinic.
- View a fascinating demonstration by Boston Police horses.
- **Plus** a special auction of selected antiques at 12:00 noon. Your chance to pick up a real bargain!

Contribute to the fun!

You can be a meaningful part of this wonderful day by sending a cash gift or a contribution of something we can sell. How about whipping up a favorite family recipe for a luscious pie or cake, bread, jam or pickles. Scour the house for forgotten treasures—antiques or just knickknacks. If you're talented, send us something you've made—a knitted scarf, a piece of embroidery or other handcraft. The fancy bed your cat's outgrown; a painting your spouse doesn't like; a lovely plate that doesn't match anything anymore.

Whatever it is, if you don't need it or want it—send it to us! Call 426-9170 for free pickup. Or mail or bring your articles to: Animal Rescue League of Boston, 10 Chandler Street, Boston, Mass. 02116.

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